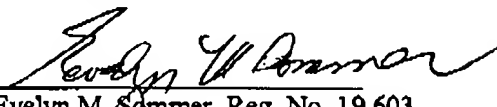


REMARKS

This application has been discussed with Examiner Prema Metz on several occasions and it was believed by the undersigned after the last telephone discussion that the application was being allowed subject to some minor amendments to be entered by Examiner's Amendment.

Examiner Prema Mertz earlier received, had considered the last amendment filed (10/14/03) and referred to the same during the discussions but did not indicate that the same was non-compliant. This response at page 1 thereof included the substance of the interview. If anything further remains to be done, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the phone number shown below.

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